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Committee on culture

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Presentation

The **Agenda 21 for culture** is the first worldwide document establishing an undertaking by cities and local governments for cultural development. 225 cities, local governments and organisations from all over the world were linked to Agenda 21 for culture in June 2007.

United Cities and Local Governments – UCLG is the largest association of local governments in the world. It acts as the united voice and world advocate of democratic local self-government. UCLG adopted Agenda 21 for culture as its reference document in October 2004 (Executive Bureau of Sao Paulo), and constituted its Working Group on Culture in June 2005 (World Council of Beijing).

Building on the **positive achievements** of this Working Group in 2005-2007, the proposal to constitute a Committee on culture was suggested in September 2007 to UCLG's World Secretariat by:

- Ajuntament de Barcelona (chair)
- Gobierno de la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires (vice-chair)
- Stockholm City Council (vice-chair)
- Ayuntamiento de Donostia – San Sebastián
- Municipality of Gaza
- Association of Palestinian Local Authorities - APLA
- Câmara Municipal de Lisboa
- City of Ljubljana
- Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo
- Ville de Montréal
- Municipio Metropolitano de Quito
- Ayuntamiento de Sevilla
- UCLG – Asia Pacific regional section (ASPAC)
- UCLG – Middle East and West Asia regional section (MEWA)
- Union of Local Authorities in Israel - ULAI

On 31 October 2007, the World Council of Jeju constituted the Committee on culture and approved this programme 2008-2010.

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Why a Committee on culture

Culture is becoming one of the crucial elements of **globalisation**. Intergovernmental organisations are recognising it: UNESCO Convention on Cultural Diversity (2005), plans for an Alliance of Civilisations (2006), European Year for Intercultural Dialogue (2008)... Agenda 21 for culture has become **the main (original and multilateral) contribution of cities to global cultural governance**. In its programme 2008-2010, UCLG needs to improve its capacity to convey the messages of cities on global cultural issues: advocacy and policy development.

Local policies for development are usually based on the virtuous triangle of sustainability: economic growth, social inclusion, environmental balance. Today, this triangle is not sufficient. Culture is becoming, partly thanks to the impact of Agenda 21 for culture, in **the fourth pillar of sustainable development** at a local level. Local cultural policies, based on the intrinsic values of culture (creativity, critical knowledge, diversity, memory, rituality...) are becoming more important for democracy and citizenship. Cities wish to exchange experiences and improve mutual learning. In its programme 2008-2010, UCLG needs to reinforce its capacity to become a global meeting point on cultural issues: governance, networking and project development.

UCLG's Committee on culture is **a unique meeting point with high added value**: there is not another structure at a global level that gathers together cities, organisations and networks that foster the relation between local cultural policies and sustainable development.

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Main aim

To promote the role of culture as a central dimension of local policies, fostering the relation between culture and sustainable development and the processes of intercultural dialogue, through the international dissemination and local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture

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Main objectives

1. **Governance.** A committee with active members with shared responsibilities and very dynamic within UCLG.

- 1.1. To strengthen our governance (membership, vicechairs and chair), agreeing upon specific responsibilities on particular issues.
- 1.2. To continue the partnership with the networks of cities for culture, such as Interlocal, Eurocities – Culture Forum, les Rencontres and Mercociudades – Unidad Temática de Cultura
- 1.3. To promote the participation to the Committee of national associations of municipalities.
- 1.4. To foster the relation between our work and the main topics of the world agenda: Millenium Development Goals, Development Cooperation, City Diplomacy...
- 1.5. To establish a close cooperation with the UCLG Committees
- 1.6. To consolidate a close cooperation with the regional sections and the Metropolitan section of UCLG
- 1.7. To analyse the creation of an external advisory board of experts

2. **Development of projects.** UCLG and its Committee on culture are locally, nationally and internationally well-known, and develop specific projects in the field of exchanging experiences and good practices on the local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture.

- 2.1. To continue the communication through the website <http://www.agenda21culture.net> and its corporate image
- 2.2. To periodically update the database of all the cities and local governments implementing activities under the framework of the Agenda 21 for culture
- 2.3. To reinforce the external visibility of Agenda 21 for culture
- 2.4. To improve the internal circulation of information (newsletter or bulletin)
- 2.5. To increase the number of translations of Agenda 21 for culture
- 2.6. To support the local implementations of Agenda 21 for culture
- 2.7. To develop specific projects in the field of exchanging experiences and good practices on the local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture, by local governments or civil society agents, mainly through peer-review tools.
- 2.8. To explore the realisation of specific actions in the fields of training and capacity building, in partnership with international and national funding agencies
- 2.9. To explore, and eventually agree, on a joint celebration by cities each 21 May, World Day for Cultural Diversity, from 2008 onwards, in partnership with UNESCO
- 2.10. To explore the creation of a emblematic action, label or award that recognises cities and/or projects related to Agenda 21 for culture
- 2.11. To explore the elaboration of a glossary of concepts related to Agenda 21 for culture

3. **Policy development.** Research and development as the engine of key documents on local cultural policies that are widely disseminated.

- 3.1. To continue the work of Research and Development, with new reports on issues related to Agenda 21 for culture; possible topics could be: culture and sustainable development,

culture and local governance, culture and decentralised cooperation, and creative industries and local development.

- 3.2. To analyse the production of new policy papers, and to analyse suitable approval: UCLG Committee on culture, Executive Bureau or World Council.
- 3.3. To analyse the feasibility of elaborating a document on “Cultural indicators and Agenda 21 for culture” that further develops the document approved on this issue in October 2006.

4. Development of alliances and partnerships. Networking and advocacy that establish the basis of shared projects, allowing cities an active presence in the international debates on culture and sustainable development.

- 4.1. To deepen on the strategic relation with UNESCO, establishing specific partnerships on concrete issues, such as the Convention on Cultural Diversity, the Network of Creative Cities, and others.
- 4.2. To deepen on the strategic relation with the European Union, establishing specific partnerships on concrete issues
- 4.3. To deepen on the strategic relation with the Council of Europe, establishing specific partnerships on concrete issues, such as the Intercultural Cities programme.
- 4.4. To explore contacts and develop a relation with other UN agencies and programmes: UN-Habitat, UNDP, UN-Sustainable Development
- 4.5. To establish a close cooperation with the Alliance of Civilisations.
- 4.6. To continue the relation with civil society organisations and networks devoted to international cultural cooperation, and to explore the realisation of specific projects
- 4.7. To explore the establishment of contacts with OWHC – Organisation of World Heritage Cities and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
- 4.8. To explore the establishment of contacts with the international thematic cultural networks (IFLA, ICOM, ICOMOS...).

5. Resources. Funds to support the implementation of specific projects and allow the long-term sustainability of the Committee.

- 5.1. To obtain resources from national and international agencies and donors.
- 5.2. To establish sponsorship agreements with private corporations

Annex 1.

Forthcoming international seminars, conferences and meetings with a relevant participation of members of UCLG - Culture

- “Políticas urbanas y desarrollo cultural : la planificación como estrategia”, Quito, Ecuador, abril de 2008, Alcaldía de Quito, Interlocal, CGLU – Cultura, AECI – Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y Cooperación del Gobierno de España, <http://www.redinterlocal.org>. Contacto: Eduard Miralles (mirallesve@diba.cat), Jordi Pascual (jordipascual@bcn.cat), René Pinto (rimdmq@quito.gov.ec).
- “Séminaire régional sur l'Agenda 21 de la culture” (being planned), UEMOA. First semester 2008. Contact: Mr Komlan Agbo, kagbo@uemoa.int
- “Creative Construct: Building for Culture and Creativity”, International Symposium, presented by the Centre of Expertise on Culture and Communities, Simon Fraser University, and the City of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, April 28 – May 1, 2008, <http://www.symposium2008.ca>, contact: Nancy Duxbury: nancy@cultureandcommunities.ca
- 2010. World conference on culture and sustainable development. Several cities.

Annex 2.

UCLG - Culture. Members and observers

Official members are those that have registered before UCLG's World Secretariat, completing the form available for this purpose. Observers are those cities, local governments or organisations that attended the meetings of the Group (Barcelona, 23-24 October 2006 ; Lille, 13-15 September 2007) and/or have expressed the wish to take part in the Group.

A. OFFICIAL MEMBERS

AFRICA

Congo	Mairie de Brazzaville
Mali	Mairie de Bamako
Morocco	Conseil Municipal d'Essaouira

EUROPE

Belgium	Ville de Huy
France	Cités Unies France
France	Conseil Général Gironde
France	Conseil Général Seine Saint Denis
France	Conseil Régional Rhône-Alpes
France	Mairie de Rambouillet
France	Mairie de Sainte Anne
France	Saint-Étienne Métropole
France	Territoires et Cinéma
France	Ville de Lille
France	Ville de Lyon
France	Ville de Nantes
France	Ville de Strasbourg
Italy	Citta Unite (CICU)
Italy	Comune di Roma
Italy	Comune di Torino
Italy	Comune di Venezia
Portugal	Camara Municipal de Silves
Portugal	Camara Municipal de Gaviao
Slovakia	Cités Unies Slovaquie
Spain	Ajuntament de Barcelona
Spain	Diputació de Barcelona
Spain	Bilboko Udala - Ayuntamiento de Bilbao
Spain	Ayuntamiento de Córdoba
Spain	Ayuntamiento de Sevilla
Spain	Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad Internacional (FAMSI)
Sweden	City of Stockholm
United Kingdom	Greater London Authority

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina	Gobierno de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires
Brazil	Prefeitura Municipal de Porto Alegre
Brazil	Prefeitura Municipal de Rio de Janeiro
Chile	Municipalidad de Puerto Montt
Chile	Asociación Chilena de Municipalidades
Colombia	Federación Colombiana de Municipios
Costa Rica	Municipalidad de Escazú
Ecuador	Municipio de Cuenca
Ecuador	Municipio de Quito
El Salvador	Corporación de Municipalidades de la República de El Salvador-COMURES

MIDDLE EAST-WEST ASIA

Jordan	Greater Amman Municipality
Liban	UCLG Office Lebanon, Syria, Jordania
Turkey	UCLG-MEWA

NORTH AMERICA

Canada	City of Toronto
United States of America	Corpus Christi

B. OBSERVERS

Australia	Cultural Development Network – Victoria
Brasil	Ministério da Cultura
Canada	Centre of Expertise on Culture and Communities, Simon Fraser University
Canada	Creative City Network of Canada
Canada	Ville de Montréal
Chile	Consejo Nacional de la Cultura y las Artes
Colombia	Alcaldía Mayor de Bogotá
France	Aide aux Musiques Innovatrices – AMI
France	Mairie d'Aubagne
International	Banlieues d'Europe
International	Council of Europe
International	ECF – European Cultural Foundation
International	EFAH – European Forum for the Arts and the Heritage
International	Eurocities
International	Interlocal
International	International Association of Educating Cities – AICE
International	Mercosur Cultural Network (Red Cultural del Mercosur)
International	Metropolis
International	PARCUM – Parlamento Cultural del Mercosur
International	les Rencontres
International	UNESCO
Italy	Comune di Genova
Italy	Provincia di Roma
Italy	Rete Italiana Agenda 21 Locali
Spain	Federación Española de Municipios y Provincias – FEMP
Spain	Ministerio de Cultura
Spain	Ayuntamiento de Telde
Spain	Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza
United Kingdom	Reading Borough Council

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